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1. WE SAW TICKELL MAY 2 TO INFORM HIM THAT US WAS NOT ENTERTAINING AMENDMENTS TO ITALIAN DRAFT OF SEPARATE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION, BUT REMAINED FIRMLY OPPOSED TO IDEA OF SEPARATE DECLARATION. TICKELL TOOK NOTE OF US VIEWS, AND COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE NINE COULD BE AVOIDED ON THIS MATTER WHICH HE CONSIDERED A MINOR PROCEDURAL ISSUE. HE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD US ON APRIL 24, NAMELY THAT BRITISH HAVE AN OPEN MIND, AND ARE PREPARED TO BE CONVINCED IF US COULD PRESENT PERSUASIVE REASONS FOR OUR POSITION; HE SAID HE DID NOT FRANKLY FIND AMBASSADOR SHERER'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 20 CONVINCING.

2. BRITISH INTEND TO KEEP THEIR HEADS DOWN, TICKELL SAID. HE HOPED THAT A REASONABLE COMPROMISE COULD BE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA. HE WAS INTERESTED IN US INTENTION TO CIRCULATE TO WESTERN CAUCUS LANGUAGE FOR USE IN BASKETS I AND II (GENEVA 2751), AND SAID BRITISH WOULD WAIT TO SEE HOW ALLIES REACTED TO THIS APPROACH AT NEXT WESTERN MEETING. ANNENBERG

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